

REMARKS

The instant amendment is supplements the October 31, 2003 Amendment filed in response to the July 31, 2003 non-final Office Action and the points raised by the Examiner therein. Upon entry of the present Supplemental Amendment, Claims 1 will have been further amended to correct for inadvertent error in the October 31, 2003 Amendment. More specifically, the term "pickup", in Claim 1, line 4, has been deleted and the term "means", in Claim 1, line 5, has been replaced with the term --unit--.

Claims 1-24 will be pending. No new matter has been introduced. Entry and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-26 are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

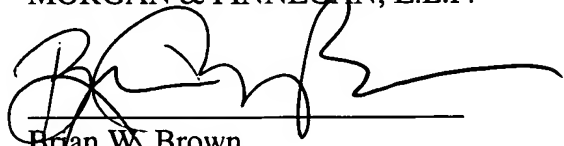
AUTHORIZATIONS:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4599.

Respectfully submitted,
MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.

Date: January 6, 2004

By:



Brian W. Brown
Reg. No.: 47,265
(202) 857-7887 Telephone
(202) 857-7929 Facsimile

Correspondence Address:
Morgan & Finnegan
345 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10154
(212) 758-4800 Telephone
(212) 751-6849 Facsimile